PECAN-CHEESE LOG

APPETIZERS — Cheese Spread

Stripes of pecans add a pretty trim and pleasing crunch to this zippy starter

Makes 12 servings

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup grated Swiss cheese (4 ounces)
- 1 cup crumbled blue cheese
- ½ teaspoon bottled red-pepper seasoning
- ¼ cup chopped pecans

1. Blend cream cheese, Swiss cheese, blue cheese, and red-pepper seasoning in a medium-size bowl. Chill until firm enough to handle.
2. Shape into an 8-inch-long log; wrap in waxed paper, foil, or transparent wrap and chill again until firm.
3. To make spiral trim, unwrap log; press ½-inch-wide strips of foil or waxed paper diagonally, 1 inch apart, over top and side. Roll log in chopped pecans; chill again.
4. When ready to serve, carefully peel off paper; place log on a serving plate. Frame with assorted crisp crackers, if you wish.

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